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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: RESTRICTED MEETING NOVEMBER 19,
1975 TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 2

1. HAVING PROPOSED RESTRICTED MEETING FOR 3:00 PM
NOVEMBER 19, MOROKHOV DID NOT APPEAR, HAVING BEEN SUMMONED
TO SESSION WITH ITALIAN PRESIDENT CURRENTLY VISITING
MOSCOW. TIMERBAEV MET WITH BUCHHEIM AND MARTIN TO DISCUSS
HOW WORK SHOULD PROCEED. BUCHHEIM MADE CLEAR AT OUTSET
THAT AMPLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR USDEL SINE QUA NON TO
ENABLE ORDERLY AND EXPEDITIOUS WORK TO PROCEED. TIMERBAEV
SAID HE CERTAIN THAT ANY REMAINING DIFFICULTY COULD BE
WORKED OUT IN DAY OR TWO, AND HE WOULD TALK TO MOROKHOV
THIS EVENING.

2. THERE ARE STILL NO ROOMS AT UKRAINE FOR THREE
DELEGATION MEMBERS WHO SPENT NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 18 ON
COUCHES IN EMBASSY, PLUS NO ASSURANCE ABOUT PROSPECTS
FOR NORDYKE WHO ARRIVING THIS EVENING.

3. TIMERBAEV PROPOSED RESTRICTED MEETING NOVEMBER 20
SO THAT MOROKHOV COULD ADDRESS MAIN POINTS AS SEEN BY
SOVDEL. IT SPECIFIED THESE WOULD INCLUDE: EXCEPTIONS,
AD HOC ARRANGEMENTS FOR VERIFICATION WHEN PNE YIELD
GREATER THAN 150 KT, AND MOROKHOV OCTOBER 31 PROPOSAL

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ON EQUIPMENT (SEE MOSCOW 15753). BUCHHEIM SUGGESTED

HAVING WORKING GROUP I REVIEW PROTOCOL TEXT AS WELL AS THAT OF TREATY IN ORDER TO FACILITATE DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT AD REFERENDUM DRAFT; AS UNRESOLVED TECHNICAL ISSUES APPEAR THEY WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO RELEVANT SET OF EXPERTS FOR RESOLUTION. WORKING GROUP I WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED BY ONE OR TWO EXPERTS DURING REVIEW OF PROTOCOL TEXTS. THIS APPROACH WAS AGREED.

4. BUCHHEIM SAID THAT TWO REMAINING IMPORTANT ISSUES RELATE TO OBSERVER ACCESS AND ON-SITE VERIFICATION EQUIPMENT. HE PROPOSED THAT THESE BE GIVEN PRIORITY TREATMENT, INITIALLY IN RESTRICTED MEETINGS. LATER, AFTER GREATER CLARIFICATION REGARDING SPECIFICS ACHIEVED AND GUIDING FRAMEWORK DEVELOPED, EXPERTS WOULD PUT TOGETHER SPECIFIC SOLUTIONS TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS. TIMERBAEV AGREED THAT ACCESS AND EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY TREATMENT, AND TO PROPOSED APPROACH SUGGESTED BY BUCHHEIM. BUCHHEIM UNDERSCORED NEED FOR BOTH SIDES TO CONTRIBUTE TO SOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS.

5. IT AGREED TO HAVE RESTRICTED MEETING NOVEMBER 20 AT 3:00 PM, TO BE FOLLOWED BY WORKING GROUP I SESSION ON TREATY TEXT AND WORKING GROUP III DISCUSSION OF EQUIPMENT ISSUE.

6. WE PLAN CONTINUE TO PRESS SOVIETS ON NEED FOR AMPLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR USDEL, AND TO MAKE CLEAR DIRECTLY TO MOROKHOV TOMORROW THAT IF SUCH ACCOMMODATIONS NOT AVAILABLE IN MOSCOW WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE VENUE WHERE WE CAN ASSURE SUCH.
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